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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/675,786	Applicant(s) LENCHIK ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is the first on the merit of the instant application.
2. Claims 1-23 are pending in this action.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-23 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,658,272 B1.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the difference between the claims in the patent and the claims in the application is that the claims in the application are broad enough to encompass the claims in the instant application. In particular, while the claims in the application recite a first housing, a second housing, a first pivot, a second pivot, a first axis, a second axis, and rotational or angular displacement of the housings relative to each other, the claims in the patent recite a first electronic element (first housing), a second electronic element (second housing), a ball joint (a first pivot), a socket and a ball (a second pivot), and rotational or angular movement, relative to each other, of the electronic elements. The difference between the two (the patent and the application) is that claims 1 and 21 recite the two portions of the electronic device (first and second housings) rotate at substantially perpendicular position to each other. But, since claims 1, 6 and 7 of the patent recite relative movement of the two housing portions at different position and/or

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planes, it would have been obvious that the rotational movement in different planes and/or positions include the position in which the two hosing portions are perpendicular to each other. Furthermore, this feature is not excluded by the claims in the instant application. Similarly, the difference between claim 15 of the instant application and the cited US patent is that claim 15 calls for configuring the first element (first housing) into portrait and landscape configurations which can read on the self configuring multiple element wireless device that is able to configure itself into an operational mode based on position.

.Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Meless N. Zewdu whose telephone number is (571) 272-7873. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Banks-Harold, Marsha can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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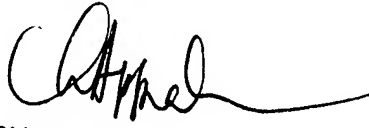
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Meless Zewdu

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Examiner

16 February 2006.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER